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GENEVA FOR AMBASSADOR YOUNG

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PORG, SF, WA
SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: DRAFT WESTERN FIVE MESSAGE TO UN
SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM

1. THE CONTACT GROUP BELIEVES IT IMPORTANT THAT UN
SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM BE INFORMED OF THE
PROPOSED MEETING OF THE CONTACT GROUP WITH SWAPO IN
LUANDA ON JULY 10-12. THE GROUP HAS THEREFORE
AGREED ON THE FOLLOWING DRAFT MESSAGE TO WALDHEIM WHICH
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WOULD ALSO BRING HIM UP TO DATE ON DEVELOPMENTS IN OUR
INITIATIVE WHICH HAVE OCCURRED SINCE WE BRIEFED HIM ON
JUNE 23. WALDHEIM IS PRESENTLY IN SWITZERLAND AND WILL
BE TRAVELLING ON FRIDAY, JULY 7; THE GROUP, THEREFORE,
PROPOSES THAT THE MESSAGE BE DELIVERED IN WRITING IN
NEW YORK ON JULY 7 TO ASSISTANT SECRETARY GENERAL FARAH
WHO WOULD THEN TRANSMIT THE MESSAGE TO WALDHEIM.

(THIS IS THE PROCEDURE RECOMMENDED BY THE UN SECRETARIAT.)

2. FOLLOWING IS THE DRAFT MESSAGE FOR WALDHEIM.

BEGIN TEXT:

YOUR EXCELLENCY,

ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENTS OF CANADA, FRANCE,
THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, THE UNITED KINGDOM AND
THE UNITED STATES, WE WOULD LIKE TO INFORM YOU OF
THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS CONCERNING THE QUESTION OF NAMIBIA
SINCE OUR REPRESENTATIVES IN NEW YORK BRIEFED YOU ON
JUNE 23.

SINCE THAT BRIEFING THE FIVE HAVE HAD FURTHER DIS-
CUSSIONS WITH BOTH THE SOUTH AFRICANS AND THE AFRICAN
FRONT LINE STATES CONCERNING TWO ISSUES IDENTIFIED IN THE
FINAL COMMUNIQUE OF THE LUANDA MEETING OF THE FRONT LINE
STATES, AS STANDING IN THE WAY OF A SETTLEMENT; NAMELY THE
QUESTION OF WALVIS BAY AND THE LOCATION OF THE RESIDUAL
SOUTH AFRICAN FORCES. FOLLOWING THESE CONSULTATIONS,
WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT THE ISSUE OF WALVIS BAY CAN
BE DEALT WITH ALONG THE LINES WE DISCUSSED.

ON THE LOCATION OF THE RESIDUAL SOUTH AFRICAN FORCE
THE FIVE HAVE EXPLORED WHETHER THE GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH
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AFRICA WOULD AGREE TO LIMITING THIS FORCE TO GROOTFONTEIN
AS OPPOSED TO "GROOTFONTEIN OR OSHIVELLO OR BOTH" AS
ENVISAGED IN THE PROPOSAL. THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT
REITERATED ITS ACCEPTANCE OF OUR PROPOSAL AS IT STANDS, AND
THEIR UNWILLINGNESS TO ACCEPT ANY CHANGE IN ITS TERMS. OUR
SUGGESTION WAS REGARDED BY THEM AS A SUBSTANTIAL CHANGE
IN THE TERMS OF THE PROPOSAL. OUR FIVE GOVERNMENTS THERE-
FORE INFORMED THE FRONT LINE STATES PRESIDENTS, THROUGH
PRESIDENT NYERERE OF THIS SITUATION. WE HAVE IN TURN BEEN
ENCOURAGED TO PROCEED WITH A FURTHER ROUND OF TALKS WITH
SWAPO AND AS A RESULT WE NOW PROPOSE TO HAVE OUR REPRESENT-
ATIVES MEET WITH SWAPO IN LUANDA ON JULY 10, 11, 12, 1978,
IT BEING UNDERSTOOD THAT REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FRONT LINE
STATES WILL ALSO BE PRESENT IN LUANDA TO LEND THEIR ASSIS-
TANCE.

THIS NEXT ROUND OF TALKS WITH SWAPO COULD BE
CRUCIAL TO THE ACHIEVEMENT OF OUR COMMON OBJECTIVE, AN
EARLY AND INTERNATIONALLY ACCEPTABLE SETTLEMENT OF THE
NAMIBIAN QUESTION. WE HOPE THAT THROUGH THESE MEETINGS
SWAPO WILL ACCEPT OUR PROPOSAL. IF WE ACHIEVE THIS WE
SHALL WISH TO PROCEED IMMEDIATELY TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF

THE PROPOSAL THROUGH ENDORSEMENT BY THE SECURITY COUNCIL
AND THE SETTING UP OF UNTAG AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. WE SHALL
OF COURSE KEEP YOU INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS. LEONARD

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